## **HOUSE BILL No. 1205**

### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-10.1-4.

**Synopsis:** Mandatory local and state government class. Requires all public high schools to provide instruction in local and state government. Provides that an individual may not receive a diploma from a public high school unless the individual completes a one semester course in local and state government.

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Effective: July 1, 2004.

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January 13, 2004, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

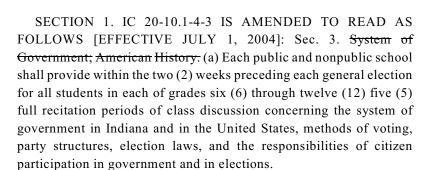
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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:



- (b) No one An individual may not receive a high school diploma unless he the individual has completed a two (2) semester course in American history.
- (c) An individual may not receive a high school diploma from a public school unless the individual has completed a one (1) semester course in local and state government.
- (d) If a public school superintendent violates this section, the state superintendent shall receive and record reports of the violations, and



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1	the general assembly may examine these reports.	
2	SECTION 2. IC 20-10.1-4-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS	
3	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 5. Each school	
4	corporation shall include in its curriculum the following studies:	
5	(1) Language arts, including English, grammar, composition,	
6	speech, and second languages.	
7	(2) Mathematics.	
8	(3) Social studies and citizenship, including the constitutions, the	
9	Indiana and the United States governmental systems, and	
10	histories of Indiana and the United States.	
11	(4) Sciences.	
12	(5) Fine arts, including music and art.	
13	(6) Health education, physical fitness, safety, and the effects of	
14	alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substances on the human body.	
15	(7) Additional studies selected by each governing body, subject	
16	to revision by the state board of education.	
17	SECTION 3. IC 20-10.1-4-14.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA	
18	CODE AS A <b>NEW</b> SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS	
19	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 14.5. (a) Each public high school	
20	shall teach a course in local and state government.	
21	(b) A course taught under this section must be at least one (1)	
22	full semester in length.	
23	(c) The state board of education shall prepare a guide for	
24	courses taught under this section. The teacher of a course taught	
25	under this section shall use the guide prepared under this	
26	subsection. The guide may be revised under the direction of the	
27	state board of education.	
28	(d) The state board of education shall, under IC 20-10.1-9, adopt	V
29	textbooks or other materials for courses taught under this section.	

